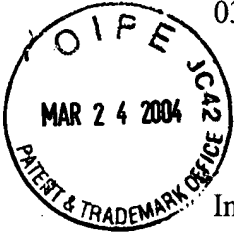


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Jeffrey Siew
NOBUKO YAMAMOTO ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1637
Application No.: 09/942,588)	
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Filed: August 31, 2001)	
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For: SCREENING METHOD FOR)	
GENE VARIATION	:	March 19, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated November 19, 2003 for one (1) month from February 19, 2004 to March 19, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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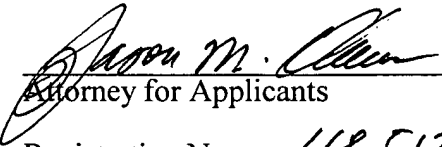
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